#### City of Somerville, Massachusetts **Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen**

## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

May 24, 2007, 7:00 PM Aldermanic Chambers \*\*\*\*\*\*

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**PRESENT for all or part of the meeting**: President Robert C. Trane, Vice President Dennis M. Sullivan, Aldermen Bruce M. Desmond, William A. White Jr., William M. Roche, Maryann M. Heuston, Thomas F. Taylor, Walter F. Pero, Rebekah L. Gewirtz.

#### **OPENING OF THE MEETING**

1.	Roll Call	Call of the Roll.	183393 Placed on File
2.	Minutes Approval	Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 26, 2007.	183394 Approved
		<u>CITATIONS</u>	
3.	Citation	By Ald. Heuston and the Entire Board, Commending Stephanie Almeida, who is leaving the City after years of distinguished service in many capacities.	183395 Approved
		PUBLIC HEARINGS	

None

## **ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

4.	Resolution By Ald. Pero and the Entire Board, That this Board offers	183396
	its sincerest gratitude to all Somerville veterans who made	Approved
	the ultimate sacrifice in defense of this community and	
	country, exemplifying our city motto, "Municipal Freedom	
	Gives National Strength."	

5.	Order	By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the asphalt patch in the sidewalk at 35 Victoria St. with cement.	183397 Approved
6.	Order	By Ald. Trane, That the Director of Constituent Services furnish the Ward 7 Alderman with a report of calls received from Ward 7 residents including the caller's name, address and tracking number.	183398 Approved
7.	Order	By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the dead tree at 12 Upland Rd.	183399 Approved
8.	Resolution	By Ald. Roche, That this Board requests that the State Delegation inform this Board what action they are taking for noise reduction efforts relating to the recent increase of air traffic over Somerville.	183400 Approved
9.	Order	By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police increase visibility in the following neighborhoods after dusk: McGregor Ave., Austin St, Gilman St., under the McGrath Hwy. bridge, and Harris Park.	183401 Approved
10.	Order	By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol for Dana and Otis Sts., especially at dusk, to control the loud parties there.	183402 Approved
11.	Order	By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol for the 70 Perkins St. area as tenants have reported vehicle break-ins and other trouble by groups of teenagers.	183403 Approved
12.	Order	By Ald. Roche, That the Director of SPCD inspect 25 Kensington Ave. for any and all code violations, especially an illegal apartment.	183404 Approved
13.	Order	By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a directional sign at Bow and Summer Sts.	183405 Approved
14.	Order	By Ald. Taylor and Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking make plans to establish a truck route in the city and present it to this Board at a future meeting.	183406 Approved
15.	Order	By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works make arrangements to resurface Hersey St.	183407 Approved
16.	Order	By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works and the City Arborist inspect the trees on Warren Ave. for maintenance or replacement.	183408 Approved
17.	Order	By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the sidewalk panel at 17 Bonner Ave. with cement.	183409 Approved

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18.	Order	By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works deodorize the Dog Park at Nunziato Field.	183410 Approved
19.	Order	By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a NOT A THRU STREET sign at the intersection of Stone Ave. and Stone Place.	183411 Approved
20.	Order	By Ald. Taylor, That the Environmental Coordinator analyze cleaning solutions used by the city and recommend alternatives that are more environmentally friendly.	183412 Approved, Copy to Environment & Energy
21.	Resolution	By Ald. Taylor and Heuston, That this Board requests that the Administration make plans to restore the island at Bow St. and Somerville Ave. across from Citizens Bank when the reconstruction of Somerville Ave. is complete.	183413 Approved
22.	Order	By Ald. Pero, That the Director of SPCD monitor trash pick-ups before 7 AM at the dumpsters at Sycamore St. (opposite the Winter Hill School), 379 Broadway and the Broadway Health Clinic at Marshall St.	183414 Approved, Copy to Public Utilities & Works
23.	Order	By Ald. Pero, That the Director of SPCD cite Modern Floors on Marshall St. for violations of the trash ordinance.	183415 Approved
24.	Order	By Ald. Pero, That the Director of SPCD order the repair of the fence at 45 Marshall St.	183416 Approved
25.	Order	By Ald. Pero, That the Director of Communications place a call to the residents of Ten Hills who requested notification, informing them of the next neighborhood meeting, at the Mystic Activity Center on Wednesday, May 30, at 7 PM.	183417 Approved
26.	Order	By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works place trees at 17 Marshall St., 4 and 8 Oakland Ave., Maple Ave., 149 Sycamore St., Melville Rd., 21 Sargent Ave., 16 Langmaid Ave., 21 Thurston St., and 14 and 24 Fellsway West.	183418 Approved
27.	Order	By Ald. Pero, That the Director of Traffic and Parking enforce the overnight parking restrictions at the corner of Sycamore and Medford Sts.	183419 Approved
28.	Order	By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works report back to the Ward 6 Alderman on the possibility of installing a lift at the West Branch Library, so people who are disabled can access the library.	183420 Approved
29.	Order	By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Director of Traffic and Parking report back to the Ward 6 Alderman on the feasibility of requiring explicit signage when No Parking requests are made at meters in Davis Sq.	183421 Approved

30.	Order	By Ald. Desmond and Gewirtz, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the faded parking restriction sign across from 23-25 Day St.	183422 Approved
31.	Order	By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the NO PARKING sign at 284 Lowell St.	183423 Approved
32.	Order	By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the NO PARKING sign on Lowell St. between Alpine and Princeton Sts.	183424 Approved
33.	Order	By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the street cleaning sign on Porter St. where it meets Brastow Ave.	183425 Approved
34.	Order	By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD order the owners of 56 and 61 Clyde St. to remove the ladder leading to an open window on the property.	183426 Approved
35.	Order	By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD order the owners of 56 and 61 Clyde St. to board up the broken windows on the first floor that are accessible by juveniles using ladders to gain entry.	183427 Approved
36.	Order	By Ald. Desmond and O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD order the owners of 56 and 61 Clyde St. to remove the ladders on each side of the fence near the bike path, as juveniles are using them to gain entry.	183428 Approved
37.	Order	By Ald. Desmond and Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the Street Cleaning sign at 35 Harvard St.	1834289 Approved
38.	Order	By Ald. Desmond, Taylor and O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace or remove the dead trees at 14, 70, 76, 78, 252, 320, 356 and 390 Highland Ave., 600 Broadway and 264 Summer St.	183430 Approved
39.	Order	By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree at 33 Linden Ave.	183431 Approved
40.	Order	By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the sidewalk at 131 Hudson St.	183432 Approved
41.	Order	By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works clean the sewer at the corner of Cedar Ave. and Cedar St.	183433 Approved
42.	Order	By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the sidewalk at 660 Broadway.	183434 Approved

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43.	Order	By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a speed bump on Medford St. between Adams and Central Sts.	183435 Approved
44.	Order	By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works notify NStar to repair the street light at the corner of Central and Medford Sts.	183436 Approved
45.	Order	By Ald. O'Donovan and Sullivan, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the sidewalk at 147-151 Boston Ave.	183437 Approved
46.	Order	By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Director of SPCD inspect the property at Pearl and Florence Sts. for code violations, and that the City Solicitor take legal action to make this property safe.	183438 Approved
47.	Order	By Ald. Sullivan and the Entire Board, That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Director of SPCD explore installing flashing yellow lights around all senior housing buildings, to slow vehicular traffic.	Approved, Copy to Senior Services
48.	Order	By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the street sign at Beacon Place.	183440 Approved
49.	Order	By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the rusted pole at the corner of Beacon St. and Beacon Place.	183441 Approved
50.	Order	By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works repave the sidewalk panel at 19 Magnus Ave. to remediate the utility meter that protrudes above the sidewalk.	183442 Approved
51.	Order	By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Commissioner of Public Works consider the installation of raised crosswalks on Washington St. at the entrance to the new Argenziano School at Lincoln Park.	183443 Approved, Copy to Public Health & Safety and Traffic & Parking
52.	Comm.	By President Trane, Rescheduling to Tuesday, June 26, 2007, the Regular Meeting of this Board that was previously scheduled for Thursday, June 28, 2007.	183444 Placed on File
		UNFINISHED BUSINESS	

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

# **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

53. Committee Report of the Committee on Land Use meeting in Joint Report Session with the Planning Board, May 17.

183445 Approved, Ald. Heuston Recused

53A.	Mayor's Request	Requesting authorization to complete the acquisition of land owned by Somerville Hospital at 112 Central St., dedicate a portion as Article 97 Open Space, and accept \$8,000 from Ground Works Somerville for the project.	183168 Placed on File (Item approved at 54A)
54.	Committee Report	Report of the Committees on Land Use and Finance meeting in Joint Session, May 22.	183446 Approved, Ald. Heuston Recused
54A.	Mayor's Request	Requesting authorization to complete the acquisition of land owned by Somerville Hospital at 112 Central St., dedicate a portion as Article 97 Open Space, and accept \$8,000 from Ground Works Somerville for the project.	183168 Approved
55.	Committee Report	Report of the Committee on Licenses & Permits, May 22.	183447 Approved
55A.	Order	By Ald. Desmond, That the Clerk of Committees forward #183186 to the Licensing Commission and inform the members that all petitions presented for extended hours of operation should be forwarded to this Board for disposition.	183448 Approved
55B.	Garage	Renewal of Garage License, Gemicar Inc. dba Tech Auto Repair, 9 Union Sq., 8 autos.	183086 Approved
55C.	Garage	Renewal of Garage License, ABJ Foreign Auto Supply, 91 Marshall St., 30 autos.	183229 Approved
55D.	Garage	Renewal of Garage License, Brasil Auto Repair, 621 Somerville Ave., 2 autos.	183353 Approved
55E.	Garage	Renewal of Garage License, JVM Corp. dba U Call We Haul, 9R Sherman St., 10 autos.	183354 Approved
55F.	Garage	Renewal of Garage License, GoodYear Auto Service Center #0354, 1 Bow St., 6 autos.	183355 Approved
55G.	Garage	Renewal of Garage License, Mac's Auto Body Inc., 53-55 Russell St., 18 autos.	183356 Approved
55H.	Garage	Renewal of Garage License, Vicente Bros. Inc., 343-345 Medford St., 7 autos.	183357 Approved
55I.	Garage	Renewal of Garage License, Flores Auto Repair, 6D Beach Ave., 4 autos.	183358 Approved
55J.	Garage	Renewal of Garage License, Ideal Engine Rebuilders Inc., 96 Dover St., 40 autos.	183359 Approved

55K.	Garage	Renewal of Garage License, Green Automotive Inc., 85 Foley St., 5 autos.	183361 Approved
55L.	Garage	Renewal of Garage License, Henley Enterprises Inc. dba Valvoline Oil, 182 Washington St., 6 autos.	183362 Approved
55M.	Garage	Renewal of Garage License, Mike's Auto Services, 6E Beach Ave., 5 autos.	183363 Approved
55N.	Garage	Renewal of Garage License, Circuit City Stores Inc., 65 Mystic Ave., 3 autos.	183364 Approved
550.	Garage	Renewal of Garage License, Drain Doctor Inc., 612 Broadway, 25 autos.	183365 Approved
55P.	Garage	Renewal of Garage License, Fred M. Susan & Sons Auto Repair, 267-269 Somerville Ave., 12 autos.	183366 Approved
55Q.	Garage	Renewal of Garage License, Somerville Auto Repair, 453 Somerville Ave., 9 autos.	183367 Approved
55R.	Garage	Renewal of Garage License, Hillside Jaguar Inc., dba Hillside Service, 45 Mystic Ave., 10 autos.	183368 Approved
56.	Committee Report	Report of the Committee on Traffic & Parking, May 22.	Approved as Amended: #183126 Returned to Traffic & Parking
56A.	Officer's Comm.	Asst. City Solicitor responding to #174746 re: Taxi Regulations.	175050 Placed on File
56B.	Order	By Ald. Trane, Amending Ordinance 13-6.1 re: taxi fares.	179529 Placed on File
56C.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval of an amendment to Chapter 9 of the Code of Ordinances regarding Automated Red Light Enforcement and Speed Enforcement.	181002 Placed on File
56D.	Ordinance	By Ald. Trane, Proposing a change to the taxi ordinance to offer 2 new medallions for hybrid or alternative fuel vehicles.	183126 Returned to Traffic & Parking
56E.	Resolution	By Ald. Pero & Roche, That this Board requests that when taxi medallions come into the city for license approval, the cab companies and the City work together to move part of the cab fleet towards becoming environmentally friendly.	183450 Approved

57.	Committee Report	Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, May 22.	183451 Approved as Amended: #182909 Placed on File
57A.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval of a Home Rule Petition to accept the changes described within to c.258 of the Acts of 1980 relative to liquor licenses.	Approved as Amended: That these license fees be the same as for similar licenses
57B.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval of an amendment to Ordinance 2006- 12 re: Household trash and rubbish collection.	182401 Approved, Enrolled and Ordained
57C.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval of an amendment to Ordinance 2006- 13 at Sec. 3 by inserting the words "Library Director" under the category "Executive Grade Level II."	182909 Placed on File
58.	Committee Report	Report of the Committee on Land Use, May 23. No papers.	183452 Approved
59.	Committee Report	Report of the Committee on Finance, May 23.	183453 Approved
59A.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval of an amendment to Ordinance 2006-13 at Sec. 3 by inserting the words "Library Director" under the category "Executive Grade Level II."	182909 Placed on File
		COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR	
60.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval of an appropriation of \$1,000,000 from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation to the Assembly Sq. Stabilization Fund.	183454 Finance
61.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to transfer \$570,000 from the Health Insurance Acct. to the DPW Professional & Tech. Services Acct. to fund the closure and cleanup of various oil tank and spill related projects.	183455 Finance
62.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to transfer \$27,500 from the Fire PS Salaries Acct. to the OM Computer Equipment Acct.	183456 Approved
63.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to transfer \$6,468 from the Library Salaries Acct. to the Professional & Tech. Services Acct. to cover administrative fees for the interim Library Director.	183457 Approved
64.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to transfer \$6,200 from the Fire PS Salaries Acct. to the OM Repairs-Tools & Equipment Acct.	183458 Approved

65.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to transfer \$6,000 from the Personnel PS Salaries Acct. to the Reimbursement/Allowances Acct. for a gym membership benefit for non-union members as part of Shape Up Somerville programming.	183459 Finance
66.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to transfer \$5,250 from the Fire PS Salaries Acct. to the OM Office Equipment Acct.	183460 Approved
67.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to transfer \$5,000 from the Health Insurance Co. Acct. to the Office of Sustainability and Environment Professional & Tech. Services Acct. to retain a Commissioning Agent to evaluate the ESCO project.	183461 Finance
68.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$26,365 from MAPC's bicycle rack program (\$20,365) and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (\$6,000), for bicycle racks.	183462 Finance
69.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$7,224.25 from the MA Executive Office of Public Safety to the Fire Dept., for fire safety education to children.	183463 Approved
70.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$1,000 from the Demoulas Foundation for the Arts Council's Art Without Walls programming.	183464 Approved
71.	Mayor's Request	Requesting the re-appointment of Lisa Brukilacchio to the Conservation Commission.	183465 Approved
72.	Mayor's Request	Requesting the re-appointment of John Reinhardt to the Conservation Commission.	183466 Approved
73.	Mayor's Request	Requesting the re-appointment of Cassandra Koutalidis to the Conservation Commission.	183467 Approved
74.	Mayor's Request	Requesting the re-appointment of Delia Kaye to the Conservation Commission.	183468 Approved
75.	Mayor's Request	Requesting the re-appointment of Michael Fager to the Conservation Commission.	183469 Approved
		COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS	
76.	Officer's Comm.	Director of SPCD responding to #183277 re: Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety.	183470 Placed on File
		NEW BUSINESS	
77.	Public Occ	Public Occupancy Permit, Dahn Holistic Fitness Martial Arts Demonstration, Davis Sq. Statue Park, May 26 & June 2 (raindate June 23 & 30).	183471 Approved

78.	Public Occ	Public Occupancy Permit, Somerville Little League, Canning, various locations, June 2-3 & 9-10, 8-2PM.	183472 Approved
79.	Public Occ	Public Occupancy Permit, Pacheco 13 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Party, Nunziato Park, June 9, 2-6PM (raindate June 10).	183473 Approved
80.	Public Occ	Public Occupancy Permit, Oak St. Block Party, June 9, 3-9PM (raindate June 10).	183474 Approved
81.	Public Occ	Public Occupancy Permit, Boston Sikh Sangat Society Table for Free Drinks, Union Sq., June 16, 8-5PM.	183475 Approved
82.	Public Occ	Public Occupancy Permit, Tiel Reardon, World Music Live, Davis Sq. Statue Park, June 17 & 24, July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, Aug. 5 & 12, 12-3PM.	183476 Approved
83.	Public Occ	Public Occupancy Permit, Wallace St. Block Party, July 14, 3-8 PM (raindate July 15).	183477 Approved
84.	Drainlayer	Renewal of Drain Layer's License, N. Sacca & Sons Inc.	183478 Approved
85.	Outdoor Seating	New Outdoor Seating License, Sound Bites, 704-706 Broadway, 4 Tables & 16 Chairs.	183479 Licenses & Permits
86.	Outdoor Seating	Renewal of Outdoor Seating License, Amethyst Chiropractic PC dba Amethyst Center, 259 Elm St., 1 Sandwich Board.	183480 Approved
87.	Flammable	Renewal of Flammable License, Drake Petroleum Co. Inc., 360 Medford St., 24,210 gallons.	183481 Approved
88.	Flammable	Renewal of Flammable License, Broadway Henry LLC, 38-44 Broadway, 6256 gallons.	183482 Approved
89.	Garage	Renewal of Garage License, Broadway Henry LLC, 28-30 Broadway, 10 autos.	183483 Licenses & Permits
90.	Garage	Renewal of Garage License, A Plus Auto Body Inc., 295 Medford St., 14 autos.	183484 Licenses & Permits
91.	Garage	Renewal of Garage License, A Plus Auto Body, 297 Medford St., 10 Autos.	183485 Licenses & Permits
92.	Taxi Med	Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Ormond Trans. Co. Med. #49, #50, #62 & #89.	183486 Approved
93.	Taxi Med	Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Alewife Trans. Co., Inc., Med. #65, #69 & #80.	183487 Approved

94.	Taxi Med	Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Eastern Trans., Med. #73, Med. #87 & #90.	183488 Approved
95.	Taxi Med	Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Silcor Trans. Co., Med. #51, #52, #77 & #93.	183489 Approved
96.	Taxi Med	Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Somerville Trans. Co., Med. #71.	183490 Approved
97.	Taxi Med	Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Debaca Taxi Inc., Med. #1.	183491 Approved
98.	Taxi Med	Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Wilvens Cab Inc., Med. #18.	183492 Approved
99.	Taxi Med	Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Elysee Corp., Med. #48.	183493 Approved
100.	Taxi Med	Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Gardy Inc., Med. #19.	183494 Approved
101.	Comm.	Kathleen Kennedy submitting comments re: Union Sq. Zoning.	183495 Placed on File
102.	Comm.	Samuel Millen and Kristen Zecchi submitting comments re: Union Sq. Zoning.	183496 Placed on File
		LATE ITEMS	
103.	Order	By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police monitor Mt. Vernon St. between Pearl St. and Broadway for speeding heavy truck traffic that is using this street as a cut through, and that the responsible city official notify UPS, Verizon	183497 Approved
		and other Innerbelt businesses that this is unacceptable.	
104.	Order		183498 Approved
<ul><li>104.</li><li>105.</li></ul>	Order Order	and other Innerbelt businesses that this is unacceptable.  By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works turn on the water feature at Perkins Playground and repair and turn on the water feature at Florence Playground in	

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107.	Order	By Ald. Desmond and Heuston, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol to the corner of Granite and Knapp Sts. for suspicious behavior and hypodermic needles.	183501 Approved
108.	Order	By Ald. Desmond and Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking relocate the GO SLOW–PLAYGROUND sign on Granite St. to a more conspicuous location.	183502 Approved
109.	Order	By Ald. Desmond and Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a NOT A THRU STREET sign on Granite St. near the corner of Somerville Ave.	183503 Approved
110.	Order	By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works contact DCR to repair the stairway from McGrath Hwy. to Flint St.	183504 Approved
111.	Resolution	By Mayor Curtatone and the Entire Board, In opposition to any effort to eliminate the municipal consent process for competitive providers of cable television service.	183505 Approved
112.	Mayor's Request	Requesting the re-appointment of Berlin Haynes as Constable.	183506 Approved
113.	Mayor's Request	Requesting the re-appointment of William Medeiros as Constable.	183507 Approved
114.	Mayor's Request	Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$75,000 from Marshall Sloane and the entire Sloane Family, to alleviate some of the costs of the Trum Field field house.	183508 Finance
115.	Public Occ	Public Occupancy Permit, Art Beat Festival, Davis Sq., July 20, 5-11PM, July 21, 8-7PM.	183509 Approved

# Submitted by John J. Long, City Clerk